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SUBJECT: MISSION TO ANGOLA FINDS MPLA "ANXIOUS" TO END FIGHTING

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1. REUBEN KAMANGA, CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL, POLITICAL, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ZAMBIAN MEMBER OF AFRICAN FOUR-STATE MISSION SENT TO ANGOLA TO BRIEF MPLA LEADERS ON RESULTS OF LUSAKA SUMMIT MEETING SEPT 13, RETURNED LUSAKA SEPT 21. AFTER COMMENTING ON EXTENT OF WAR DAMAGE MISSION HAD WITNESSED IN LUANDA, KAMANGA REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT MISSION FOUND MPLA LEADERS ANXIOUS TO END FIGHTING. KAMANGA SAID THAT SO FAR AS MPLA IS CONCERNED, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THREE WARRING MOVEMENTS COULD COME TO AGREEMENT AND WORK TOGETHER. KAMANGA DESCRIBED TALKS WITH NETO AND MPLA LEADERS AS "USEFUL AND EXTENSIVE".

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- 2. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL (BUT NOT TIMES OF ZAMBIA) ALSO REPORTS KAMANGA AS STATING ANGOLA MAY GET MILITARY AID FROM UN WHEN PORTUGUESE WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES. KAMANGA SAID PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN ANGOLA HAD INDICATED WITHDRAWAL MAY OCCUR BEFORE NOVEMBER 11 INDEPENDENCE DAY. KAMANGA DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT WAS MEANT BY "MILITARY AID" BUT MAIL SUB-HEAD STATES "UN FORCES MAY BE SENT TO ANGOLA." END UNCLASSIFIED
- 3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER MPLA TOLD MISSION WHAT IT THOUGHT MISSION WACTED TO HEAR OR WHETHER KAMANGA SEEKING DEPICT RESULTS HIS MISSION IN BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT. ALLEGED KAMANGA REFZRENCE TO POSSIBLE UN PEACE KEEPING ROLE IN ANGOLA PUZZLING, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT ZAMBIAN UN AMB KAMANA'S COMMENT TO MOYNIHAN (USUN 4400) THAT HE SAW LITTLE CHANCE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD ACCEPT UN ROLE IN THEIR COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE KAMANGA REFERENCE TO UN, IF IN FACT MADE, MORE LIKELY OFF-HAND REPLY TO REPORTER'S HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION THAN HINT THAT ZAMBIANS OR INDEED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ANTICIPATE OR DESIRE UN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

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